

They are available if you have recording equipment and they would like to take and record any of the correspondence or the meetings they're welcome. I would say the only thing they'd have to pay for would be a meal sometime tomorrow, if they want to go to that. Staff is welcome. We invite you to ask your staff to attend whatever sessions you want. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Item number 7, Senator Mills motion to reconsider.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to reconsider our action on reconsidering LB 236. Signed, Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, I'll withdraw that motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We go to Select File. LB 518. Senator Schmit's bill. LB 518 is up first. I don't think Senator Schmit wants to go to the easy ones first. Let's get it going. First on the agenda, 518.

CLERK: Mr. President, the E & R amendments have been adopted on 518. There is a series of amendments which have been adopted. There is presently pending, Mr. President, an amendment by Senator Newell as follows: (Read Newell amendment found on page 1858 of the Journal).

PRESIDENT: Before you commence, Senator Newell, I would like to announce the new group that is coming in the South balcony. We have 30 eighth graders from Silver Creek Elementary in Silver Creek, Nebraska. That is in Senator Kremer's district. Thank you for being with us this morning. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Basically, I'd like to make a quick announcement as to my purpose for offering this and the other two amendments that are up there. I'm not trying to filibuster. All I'm trying to do is make some quick points. I know that there will not be long discussion after each one of these amendments. That is as it shall be, and that is fine, well, and good. I do, however, want to make some points about the mistake we're about to make on 518. The point that I'm trying to make here will be very clear and concise. The point, quite frankly, is that I propose, in this amendment, that 60 percent of the money, on the personal property tax relief fund, go back to where the money was raised by the income tax. That only 40 percent of it go back to where it was raised in terms of sales tax. I would even accept an amendment to this that said all of it would go back in terms of where the income tax is, since there is such a big discussion about where the sales tax is raised and where it is spent, etc. Even if we went to the 100 percent, based on where the income tax is raised from and where the personal property tax relief fund goes to, there would be a tremendous disparity between the urban and rural districts. I just want to remind some of these people who are supporting this, LB 518, that it is in terms of being fair in its distribution formula it is not. In its concept, which Senator Kahle argued so eloquently yesterday, if we're going to exempt this property we ought not provide sales and income tax to replace it. He was arguing about the freeport money, but I think that's a great argument to juxtapose and put on the argument of where personal property tax. Why should the state use sales and income tax money to provide for local services, especially when you look at my district which pays a considerable amount of the sales and income tax, or if you just want to look at the income tax alone, to provide for property tax relief in rural Nebraska? It's unfair. I want the body to